

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 51 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 47 as follows:

47. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising Figure 2 [SEQ ID NO:3] [or having at least about 70% similarity to SEQ ID NO:3].

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 18, 1999, Claims 47 and 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly lacking enabling support. The specification has been objected to as allegedly containing defects in the Brief Description of the Drawings. The Declaration has also been objected to as allegedly containing an address that is illegible.

Claims 28, 30, 33, 44, 45, 46 and 50 have been allowed.

In response to the above rejections, applicants have amended the claims, which when considered with the accompanying comments is deemed to place the present application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 47 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly lacking enabling support. The Examiner specifically alleges that "the claims are not limited to nucleic acid molecules encoding a protein